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## SHORT PINE SHOOTING CLOSURE IN EFFECT

GLENDIVE – The Bureau of Land Management's Miles City Field Office is restricting recreational shooting on 2,235 acres of the 2,240-acre Glendive Short Pine OHV area, located approximately 6.5 south of Glendive on Road #335. The restriction is due to safety concerns and is effective immediately.

Recreational shooting will still be allowed on approximately five acres near the parking area. The boundary of the five-acre area will be marked by signs.

The shooting restriction does not apply to the hunting of lawful game by licensed sportsmen during seasons administered by the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks.

The OHV area is currently being used for hiking, horseback riding, wildlife observation, seasonal hunting, off-road riding and target shooting. Although casual users can schedule their activities around published hunting seasons for personal safety concerns, they are not able to predictably avoid casual target shooting.

The Short Pine OHV area landscape includes moderate timber cover and rough terrain. These factors combine to reduce visibility and increase safety concerns with respect to recreational shooting. For more information, contact BLM realty specialist Brian Lynnes at (406)233-2822.